

These standards include Access Road, Diversion, Drainage Water Management, Fishpond Management, Irrigation Land Leveling, Herbaceous Wind Barriers, Pond Sealing or Lining—Bentonite Sealant, Pond Sealing or Lining—Soil dispersant, Roof Runoff Structure, and Surface Roughening. The standards are used to convey national guidance when developing the Field Office Technical Guide policies. NRCS State Conservationists and Directors for the Pacific Basin and Caribbean areas who choose to adopt these practices for use within their States/areas will incorporate them into Section IV of their Field Office Technical Guide. These practices may be used in resource management systems that treat highly erodible land or on land determined to be wetland.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Comments will be received until on or before August 6, 2001. This series of new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close of the 60-day period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Single copies of these standards are available from NRCS—CED in Washington, DC. Submit individual inquiries and return any comments in writing to William Hughey, National Agricultural Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Post Office Box 2890, Room 6139—S, Washington, DC 20013—2890; telephone: (202) 720—5023. The standards are also available from, and can be downloaded via the Internet at: http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/practice_stdts.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires NRCS to make available for public review and comment proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out the highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law. For the next 60 days, NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by NRCS regarding the disposition of those comments, and a final determination of change will be made.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 20, 2001.

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Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Census Bureau.

Title: 2001 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation, Wave 3 Topical Modules.

Form Number(s): SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument, SIPP—21305(L) Director's Letter, SIPP—21003 Reminder Card.

Agency Approval Number: 0607—0875.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 121,478 hours.

Number of Respondents: 78,750.

Avg Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct the Wave 3 Topical Module interview for the 2001 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). We also request approval for a few replacement questions in the reinterview instrument. The core SIPP instrument, and reinterview instrument were cleared previously. The reinterview instrument will be used for quality control purposes. We are also seeking continued clearance for the SIPP Methods Panel instrument field testing to be conducted in October and November 2001. The test targets SIPP Wave 1 items and sections that require thorough and rigorous testing in order to improve the quality of core data. The experiment is conducted under the direction of the Methods Panel Team, which is committed to delivering an improved and less burdensome instrument for use in the 2004 SIPP Panel.

The SIPP is designed as a continuing series of national panels of interviewed households that are introduced every few years, with each panel having durations of 3 to 4 years. The 2001 SIPP Panel is scheduled for three years and will include nine waves beginning February 1, 2001.

The survey is molded around a central “core” of labor force and income questions that remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core is supplemented with questions designed to answer specific needs. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as “topical modules.” The topical modules

for the 2001 Panel Wave 3 are Medical Expenses and Utilization of Health Care (Adults and Children), Work Related Expenses and Child Support Paid, and Assets, Liabilities, and Eligibility. Wave 3 interviews will be conducted from October 2001 through January 2002.

Data provided by the SIPP are being used by economic policymakers, the Congress, state and local governments, and Federal agencies that administer social welfare or transfer payment programs, such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture. The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single and unified database so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic policy formulators depend heavily upon the SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population. The SIPP has provided these kinds of data on a continuing basis since 1983, permitting levels of economic well-being and changes in these levels to be measured over time.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Every 4 months.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395—5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202)482—3129, Department of Commerce, room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 1, 2001.

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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